DIRECT APPROACH TO WORLD BANK BY PVT. SECTOR

2598. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether private sector can directly approach to World Bank for loan for setting up engineering|technical educational institutions in the States;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) if not, what are the formalities the private sector has to follow in this regard; and

(d) whether there is any scheme under which Government assistance is available for the large outlay required for setting up of such facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) No Sir. World Bank does not provide any loan to private sector directly for setting up of Engineering|Technical Educational Institutions in India.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) No Sir. There is no such scheme.

PRIVATE LOCKER SERVICE IN DELHI

2599. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that private locker service are being provided in Delhi, though this is a service normally provided by Banks; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any policy to supervise|control the operations of these private lockers to safeguard the interest of the public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) It is understood that some private locker services are being provided in Delhi.

Since the activities of the private parties setting up safe deposit lockers do not come within the purview of the provisions of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, there is no proposal under consideration of Reserve Bank of India to supervise control operations of these services.

BANK BRANCHES IN DELHI INCURRING LOSSES

2600. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Delhi are incurring huge losses and if so, what are the details in respect of each Branch; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) As per information furnished by the 19 nationalised banks, some of their branches in Delhi are incurring losses. It may not be in public interest to disclose the losses incurred by each branch. However, bankwise details of such branches are given below :—

Name of the Bank	No. of Branches
(1)	(2)
Bank of Maharashtra	2 (including one Service Branch)
Canara Bank	5
Central Bank of India	2
Dena Bank	1 (Service Branch)
Punjab National Bank	28 (including 20 branches of erstwhile New Bank of India)
Punjab & Sind Bank	8
Syndicate Bank	35
United Bank of India	2
UCO Bank	3 (including 1 Service Branch)
Vijaya Bank	1

(b) Banks have taken appropriate remedial steps which include reduction in non-performing assets, redeployment of staff and improving asset management.

LOSSES SUFFERED BY ANDHRA BANK FINANCIAL SERVICES

2601. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Bank Financial Services Limited has suffered heavy financial loss due to non-transfer to its name the genuine security furnished by the Fair Growth Financial Services Limited;

(b) if so, what is the total loss suffered by the bank on this account;

(c) what are the reasons for not transferring to its name the security furnished by the Fair Growth Financial Services Limited; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (d) Fair growth Financial Services Limited (FGFSL) is a notified company under the Special Court (Trial of Offences relating to Transactions in Securities) Act, 1992. Reserve Bank of India has reported that Andhra Bank Financial Services Ltd. (ABFSL) to whom the securities with the then estimated value of Rs. 213.88 crores were furnished by FGFSL has filed a petition in the Special Court seeking permission to deal with and dispose off the securities given by FGFSL for realisation of their dues and the matter is, therefore, subjudice. The loss, if any, suffered by ABFSL in this regard, can be quantified only after the matter is decided by the Court.

काले धन का अनुमान

2602. श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 2 नवम्बर, 1993 के "हिन्दू" के दिल्ली संस्करण में "ब्लैक मनी, ए नेशनल कैन्सर" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार के अनुमान के अनुसार काले धन की माला क्या है;